

REMARKS

Claims 15 and 17–20 are pending in the application. Claim 15 has been amended. Claims 14 and 16 have been cancelled herein. All claims find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the final office action of September 3, 2009, the Examiner rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over **Anderson** (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,309) in view of **Nakabayashi** (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,309). Claims 15 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,309) in view of **Lee** (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0062313) and further in view of **Kaku** (U.S. Patent No. 6,728,471). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent claim 15 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 16. Independent claim 14 and dependent claim 16 have now been cancelled. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form and is allowable. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 15.

Accordingly, Applicants' independent claim 15, as well as the dependent claims 17-20 (which incorporate, by reference, all of the features of their respective base claims) is patentable over Anderson, Nakabayashi, Lee and Kaku at least for these reasons. Withdrawal of the rejections of independent claim 15 (and of claims 17-20 which depends therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson, Nakabayashi, Lee and Kaku is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the above-identified application and allowance of claims 15 and 17-20 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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